

Application No.: 10/776,227Docket No.: 4459-139**REMARKS**

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter of claims 4-5 is noted with appreciation.

Claims 1, 4, and 6-7 are pending in the application. Claims 2-3, 5, 8-13 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Allowable claim 4 has been rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 5. Claims 6-7 have been amended to reflect the amended language of claim 1. The specification and Abstract have been revised to remove certain informalities. No new matter has been introduced through the foregoing amendments.

The drawing objection and the art rejections raised by the Examiner are either moot or believed overcome in view of the above amendments.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance. Early and favorable indication of allowance is courteously solicited.

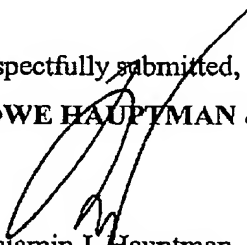
The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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